

Despite asking Wisconsinites to stay home during the COVID-19 pandemic, Tammy Baldwin used taxpayer dollars for a personal trip to New York City, where her Wall Street partner lives.

Despite warning Wisconsinites to stay home amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Tammy Baldwin billed taxpayers \$630 for a “personal trip” to New York, where Baldwin’s partner lives, in November 2020 and only reimbursed the government after being asked about it by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

- Just weeks before warning Wisconsinites to stay home amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Baldwin “billed taxpayers \$630 to fly from Madison to New York City, where her partner lives... before heading back to Washington, D.C.” “Don't host or go to gatherings with people outside your household,’ Baldwin said on Nov. 25, 2020. ‘And just stay home if you can.’ Sage advice at the time. Gov. Tony Evers was also urging all state residents to ‘stay home.’ But less than three weeks before posting the Twitter video, Baldwin was not just staying home. Records show she billed taxpayers \$630 to fly from Madison to New York City, where her partner lives, for an extended weekend from Nov. 5-9, 2020, before heading back to Washington, D.C.” (Daniel Bice, “Tammy Baldwin said to ‘stay home’ in 2020. She’d just taken a personal trip with tax dollars,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/28/23)
- **VIDEO: In 2020, Tammy Baldwin asked Wisconsinites to stay home during the COVID-19 pandemic.** “It’s never been more important for our state to come together. Throughout this holiday season, I’m asking every Wisconsinite to wear a mask in public, wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing of at least six feet from others, and don’t host or go to gatherings with people outside your household, and just stay home if you can.” (Sen. Tammy Baldwin, [Twitter](#), 11/25/20)
- **VIDEO: Baldwin says to “stay home if you possibly can.”** “But we have to stay together in order to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and each other. And that means that all Wisconsinites should wear a mask in public, wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing of six feet from others, don’t host or go to gatherings with people outside of your household, and just stay home if you possibly can.” (Senator Tammy Baldwin, “Senator Tammy Baldwin: “We must take stronger action right now to stop the spread of COVID-19.”, 1:16-1:42, [Youtube](#), 11/20/20)
- **VIDEO: Tammy Baldwin says the risk of people from all over coming together during COVID-19 is dangerous.** “I think the risk of people coming from all over, especially places where we’re seeing spikes in the Coronavirus infection, even though it’s an outdoor venue I think it’s dangerous and wish that everybody would pay attention to the public health advice and scientific expertise that we have available to us today. We should not be having large gatherings of thousands of

people.” (The View, "Sen. Tammy Baldwin Weighs in on Large Gatherings in Wisconsin Amid Coronavirus | The View", 0:36-1:06, [YouTube](#), 6/25/20)

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(Daniel Bice, “Tammy Baldwin said to ‘stay home’ in 2020. She’d just taken a personal trip with tax dollars,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/28/23)

- In 2023, Baldwin reimbursed the federal government for the cost of the trip, which her staff said had been erroneously marked as official travel, only after being asked about it by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. “Just recently, Baldwin's office reimbursed the federal government for the cost of this trip after being asked about it by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Baldwin campaign staffers said the trip had been erroneously marked as official travel.” (Daniel Bice, “Tammy Baldwin said to ‘stay home’ in 2020. She’d just taken a personal trip with tax dollars,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/28/23)
- Reporting said Baldwin “mixed official and personal business.” “Sometimes, Baldwin mixed official and personal business. For Easter break 2022, Baldwin flew to Madison on April 8. Over the next week, she made stops for events in Platteville, Fennimore, Darlington, Dodgeville, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Ashwaubenon and De Pere. On April 16, 2022, Baldwin used frequent flyer points, accumulated largely from Senate travel, to fly to Newark, New Jersey.” (Daniel Bice, “Tammy Baldwin said to ‘stay home’ in 2020. She’d just taken a personal trip with tax dollars,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/28/23)

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- Baldwin made no official trips to New York City before 2018, the year she met Maria Brisbane. “The travel records show Baldwin made no trips to New York City before 2018, the year Baldwin met Brisbane at a fundraiser for New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.” (Daniel Bice, “Tammy Baldwin said to ‘stay home’ in 2020. She’d just taken a personal trip with tax dollars,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/28/23)
- Since 2018, Baldwin has made nine officially related trips to New York City at a total cost of \$3,631.34 for flights. “Over the past five years, Senate records show Baldwin has made a total of nine officially related trips to New York City, either from Washington,

D.C., or Wisconsin. The total cost of the flights was \$3,631.34.” (Daniel Bice, “Tammy Baldwin said to ‘stay home’ in 2020. She’d just taken a personal trip with tax dollars,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 8/28/23)

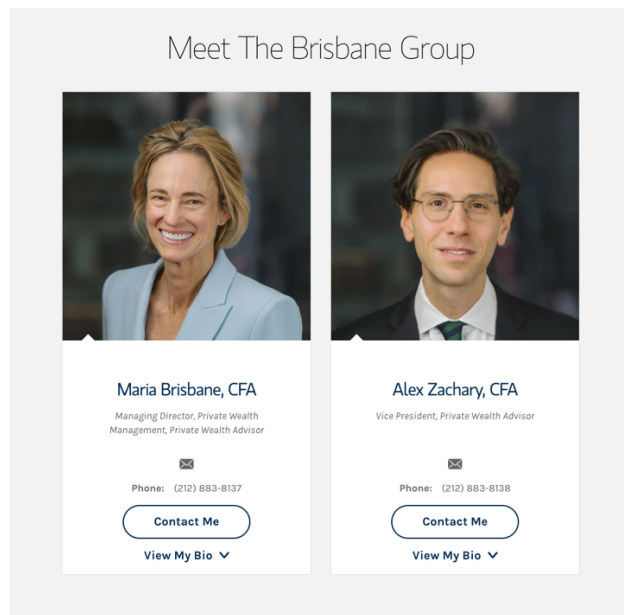
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Editor’s Note: The bullet below refers to trips funded by outside groups, not taxpayers.

- **Baldwin has previously defended “traveling at others’ expense.”** “Third highest: House Democrat Tammy Baldwin of Madison, with trips for almost \$19,000. Most was spent on a visit to Israel, when she and her partner made a side trip to Jordan at their expense. Baldwin defends traveling at others’ expense. She said the United States is the ‘world’s lone superpower in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world.’ She added her trip to the Middle East came before Palestinian and Israeli elections and helped her understand obstacles in the ‘roadmap to peace.’” (Katherine Skiba, “Members Of Congress Going Places - Free; Travel Paid By Outsiders Gets Strong Scrutiny,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 4/20/06)

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- **Since 2018, Tammy Baldwin has been dating Maria Brisbane.** “Records show that Baldwin and her partner, Maria Brisbane, bought a condo together in August 2021. Baldwin and Brisbane have been dating since 2018.” (Daniel Bice, “Bice: Tammy Baldwin bought pricey new D.C. pad with partner in 2021,” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 6/16/23)
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(Morgan Stanley, [The Brisbane Group](#), accessed 5/23/24)

- **The Brisbane Group is part of Morgan Stanley.** "The Brisbane Group at Morgan Stanley brings a high level of experience to a limited number of clients, providing a level of service appropriate for the needs of the Ultra High Net Worth client base." (Morgan Stanley, [The Brisbane Group](#), accessed 5/23/24)
 - **Morgan Stanley is a “Wall Street giant.”** “Profits rose at Morgan Stanley (MS) during the first quarter as the Wall Street giant benefited from pickups in investment banking, trading, and asset management.” (David Hollerith, “Wall Street surge lifts Morgan Stanley and new CEO Ted Pick,” [Yahoo! Finance](#), 4/16/24)

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 - **Brown Brothers Harriman & Company has been described as the “most distinguished Wall Street firm you never heard of.”** “It may be the most distinguished Wall Street firm you never heard of: Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. traces its lineage back to 1800, when Alexander Brown moved to Baltimore from Belfast and started a linen trading company.” (Michael Hiltzik, “Column: As Wall Street changed, one historic firm stood fast - for the better,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 6/16/21)